Mediaportal Report

06/11/2007

Capital of sneeze
Forbes Advocate, 06/11/07, General News, Page 2
By: None

05/11/2007

ABC 936 Hobart (Hobart)
Breakfast - 5/11/2007 7:17 AM
Joel Rheinberger

The ANU and University of Tasmania are working on a hay fever study to investigate pollen and hay fever. Dr Fey Johnston of the Menzies Institute says Hobart and Canberra were chosen as they do not have the pollen counts of bigger cities. Dr Johnston says there is no exhaustive proof that pollen has an affect on hay fever and other things such as hospital intakes. Johnston says the Palaeoworks.anu.edu.au website can provide information on pollen levels.

Interviewees: Dr Fey Johnston, Menzies Institute
Duration: 5.03
Summary ID: M00028534227
© Media Monitors
A new study is charting hayfever in different environs. Scientists from the Austrian National University and the University of Tasmania are investigating how the pollen count varies between Hobart and Canberra. Results are posted online to advise allergy sufferers. Marjan Kljakovic says for his patients, a daily pollen forecast could make all the difference.

**Interviewees:** Marjan Kljakovic, GP; Simon Haberle, Australian National University
**Duration:** 1.36
**Summary ID:** A00028522802
© Media Monitors

New study at ANU and University of Tas charts hayfever in different environments. A daily pollen forecast potentially making all the difference to sufferers.

**Interviewees:** GP; Simon Haberle, ANU
**Duration:** 1.31
**Summary ID:** M00028521734
© Media Monitors

A new study by the Australian National University and the University of Tasmania is researching hay fever in the very different environments of Canberra and Hobart. The information will be posted on the internet to allow suffers to access a daily pollen forecast.

**Interviewees:** Dr Marjan Kljakovic.; Dr Simon Haberle, Australian National University.
**Duration:** 1.31
**Summary ID:** C00028534799
© Media Monitors
A new study is charting hayfever in different environments. Scientists from the Australian National University and the University of Tasmania are analysing samples to determine how the pollen count varies between Hobart and Canberra. Dr Marjan Kljakovic says daily pollen forecasts could make all the difference for patients.

**Interviewees:** Dr Marjan Kljakovic, GP; Dr Simon Haberle, Australian National University

**Duration:** 1.31

**Summary ID:** S00028521725

© Media Monitors

---

**Channel 9 Darwin (Darwin)**

**National Nine News (Weekend) - 3/11/2007 6:15 PM**

Compere

A new study is charting hay fever in different climates. ANU and University of Tasmania academics are looking at conditions in Hobart and Canberra and comparing the differences in pollen count.

**Interviewees:** Dr Klearki (*) [no Super put on screen] ; Dr Simon Haberle, ANU Academic.

**Duration:** 1.50

**Summary ID:** S00028535892

© Media Monitors

---

**ABC 666 Canberra (Canberra)**

**12:00 News (Weekend) - 3/11/2007 12:05 PM**

Newsreader

The ANU has begun a year-long study into hayfever in Canberra.

**Interviewees:** Simon Haberle, ANU

**Duration:** 0.44

**Summary ID:** C00028521188

This program or part thereof is syndicated to the following 1 station(s):- Radio National (Canberra)

© Media Monitors

---

**ABC 666 Canberra (Canberra)**

**11:00 News (Weekend) - 3/11/2007 11:03 AM**

Newsreader

The ANU has begun a year-long study into hayfever in Canberra.

**Interviewees:** Simon Haberle, ANU

**Duration:** 0.44

**Summary ID:** C00028521263

© Media Monitors
A new study will start at the ANU to prove a link between pollen and hayfever.

**Interviewees:** Simon Harberle, ANU

**Duration:** 0.32

**Summary ID:** C00028522172

© Media Monitors

### Hay fever answers in the air

Hobart Mercury, 03/11/07, General News, Page 9

By: Alison Ribbon

Clip Ref: 00030985373

307 words

### Hay fever research

Adelaide Advertiser, 03/11/07, General News, Page 49

By: None

Clip Ref: 00030983641

105 words

### Canberra likely to be nation’s hay fever capital

Canberra Times, 03/11/07, General News, Page 3

By: Tamara McLean

Clip Ref: 00030985402

204 words

### Study to prove if Canberra is hayfever capital

Daily Advertiser, 03/11/07, General News, Page 9

By: None

Clip Ref: 00030992013

124 words

### Canberra noted as hay fever capital

Daily Liberal, 03/11/07, General News, Page 6

By: None

Clip Ref: 00030992845

139 words

© Media Monitors

---

**WIN Canberra (Canberra)**

**WIN News - 2/11/2007 6:45 PM**

Jessica Good

Australian National University researchers are trying to prove the link between hayfever and pollen. They are using a Spore Watch machine to measure pollen levels in the air.

**Interviewees:** Dr Simon Haberle, ANU palaeoecologist

**Duration:** 1.50

**Summary ID:** C00028517375

© Media Monitors
Dr. Simon Heberle, a palaeoecologist at the ANU, discusses the process of measuring pollen in Canberra’s atmosphere on a daily basis and putting it on the ANU web page so that people who suffer from hay fever can have a look and see what pollen is in the atmosphere.

Interviewees: Dr. Simon Heberle, a palaeoecologist, ANU
Duration: 5:31
Summary ID: C00028517331
© Media Monitors

Demographics
Male: 3100
Female: 4600
AB: 3900
GB: 5200
All People: 7700
Capital of sneeze

Respiratory experts are set to prove that Canberra is not only the political capital of Australia – it is also the nation’s hay fever hub.

Specialists in the ACT and Tasmania have launched an unusual new project to monitor pollen levels and hospitalisations in Canberra and compare them with rates in Hobart, a relatively pollen-free city.

The results will be posted online to help hay fever and asthma sufferers in both cities monitor their risk of sneezing and wheezing attacks this spring.

“Canberra is said to be one of the highest hay fever areas in the country, and there’s always been an anecdotal link between the high levels of pollen and respiratory problems,” said project leader Dr Simon Haberle, a palaeoecologist at the Australian National University.

“(However) there’ve been very few studies that have tried to prove it,” he said.
Hay fever answers in the air

ALISON RIBBON

HAY fever sufferers may soon have more control over their affliction, thanks to research at the University of Tasmania.

A new online tool will tell people what airborne irritants are prevalent in Hobart.

Researchers from the University of Tasmania and the Australian National University have begun a 12-month study recording pollen levels in Canberra and Hobart.

At the same time, they will be looking at the number of people in both cities who seek medical treatment for respiratory conditions, such as hay fever and asthma.

It is hoped a link will be found between the number of respiratory incidents and the amount of floating pollen.

This will be made into a weekly pollen risk meter, giving ratings from low to very high.

“This is the first time ever that Hobart has had its pollen monitored,” said Dr Fay Johnston, from the Menzies Research Institute at UTAS. Dr Johnston said a similar study in Darwin had shown gum pollen was prevalent at the same time there were high numbers of lung-related hospital admissions.

The same study proved grass pollen and smoke pollution were associated with hay fever.

“If you’ve got hay fever, it’s very interesting to know what’s been around at the time you got it,” Dr Johnston said.

“Hay fever is a very debilitating condition and responsible for the loss of a lot of work time.

“If you know your allergy is a particular pollen species at a particular time of year, you can take extra precautions.”

A pollen-catching machine on top of the Plant Science building at the university’s Sandy Bay campus sucks pollen out of the air.

UTAS ecologist David Bowman is working with Dr Johnston on the study.

Hobart’s pollen risk meter can be found at http://palaeoworks.anu.edu.au/aerobiology.html
OFFERING HOPE: Dr Fay Johnston with a pollen collector which will reveal the culprits in the air causing havoc.

Picture: RAOUL KOCHANOWSKI
Hay fever research

RESPIRATORY experts are set to prove that Canberra is not only the capital of Australia – it is also the nation’s hay-fever hub.

Specialists in the ACT and Tasmania have launched an unusual new project to monitor pollen levels and hospitalisations in Canberra and compare them with rates in Hobart, a relatively pollen-free city.

The results will be posted online to help hay fever and asthma sufferers in both cities monitor their risk of sneezing and wheezing attacks this spring.

“Canberra is said to be one of the highest hay-fever areas in the country,” said project leader Dr Simon Haberle, of the Australian National University.
Canberra likely to be nation’s hay fever capital

By Tamara McLean

Respiratory experts are set to prove that Canberra is not only the political capital of Australia – it is also the nation’s hay fever hub.

Specialists in the ACT and Tasmania have launched an unusual new project to monitor pollen levels and hospitalisations in Canberra and compare them with rates in Hobart, a relatively pollen-free city.

The results will be posted online to help hay fever and asthma sufferers in both cities monitor their risk of sneezing and wheezing attacks this spring.

Project leader Dr Simon Haberle, a palaeoecologist at the Australian National University, said, “Canberra is said to be one of the highest hay fever areas in the country, and there’s always been an anecdotal link between the high levels of pollen and respiratory problems.

“[However] there’ve been very few studies that have tried to prove it.”

Dr Haberle and colleagues at the University of Tasmania will record levels of airborne organic irritants over 12 months. The team will also monitor the number of people in both cities seeking medical treatment for respiratory conditions such as hay fever, and then test for links back to the amount of floating pollen.

This information will be posted online in a weekly pollen risk meter.
Study to prove if Canberra is hayfever capital

RESPIRATORY experts are set to prove that Canberra is not only the political capital of Australia – it is also the nation’s hayfever hub.

Specialists in the ACT and Tasmania have launched an unusual new project to monitor pollen levels and hospitalisations in Canberra and compare them with rates in Hobart, a relatively pollen-free city.

The results will be posted online to help hay fever and asthma sufferers in both cities monitor their risk of sneezing and wheezing attacks this spring.

“Canberra is said to be one of the highest hayfever areas in the country, and there’s always been an anecdotal link between the high levels of pollen and respiratory problems,” said project leader Dr Simon Haberle, a palaeoecologist at the Australian National University.
Canberra noted as hay fever capital

Respiratory experts are set to prove that Canberra is not only the political capital of Australia - it is also the nation’s hay fever hub.

Specialists in the ACT and Tasmania have launched an unusual new project to monitor pollen levels and hospitalisations in Canberra and compare them with rates in Hobart, a relatively pollen-free city.

The results will be posted online to help hay fever and asthma sufferers in both cities monitor their risk of sneezing and wheezing attacks this spring.

“Canberra is said to be one of the highest hay fever areas in the country, and there’s always been an anecdotal link between the high levels of pollen and respiratory problems,” said project leader Dr Simon Haberle, a palaeoecologist at the Australian National University.

“(However) there’ve been very few studies that have tried to prove it.”